

BOARD POLICY: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Section A - Course Requirements

The following units of credit are required for graduation from the Glenbrook High Schools:

1.	English (Note 1)	4.00
2.	Physical Education (Note 2)	3.50
3.	Mathematics (Note 3)	3.00
4.	Social Studies (Note 4)	2.00
5.	Science (Note 5)	2.00
6.	Applied Arts (Note 6)	0.50
7.	Consumer Education	0.50
8.	Driver Education (Note 7)	0.25
9.	Fine Arts (Note 8)	0.50
10.	Health	0.50
11.	Electives	7.25

TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS: 24.0

NOTES:

- (1) Two years of writing intensive courses are required by the State of Illinois. At least one of these classes must be in English. Classes which meet this requirement will be so identified in the course enrollment guide.

- (2) Physical Education - The principal/designee can substitute up to two credits of Physical Education for students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 if those students request to be excused for any of the following reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program or a marching band program for credit; (2) to enroll in academic classes which are required for admission to an institution of higher learning, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the student being denied admission to the institution of his or her choice; or (3) to enroll in academic classes which are required for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take such classes will result in the student being unable to graduate. In addition, a student in any of grades 9 through 12 who is eligible for special education may be excused if the student's parent or guardian agrees that the student must utilize the time set aside for physical education to receive special education support and services or, if there is no agreement, the individualized education program team for the student determines that the student must utilize the time set aside for physical education to receive special education support and services, which agreement or determination must be made a part of the individualized education program. However, a student requiring adapted physical education must receive that service in accordance with the individualized education program developed for the student. If requested, the principal/designee is authorized to excuse the student from engaging in a physical education course if the student has an individualized educational program under Article 14 of Illinois State Code, is participating in an adaptive athletic program outside of the school setting, and documents such participation as determined by the principal/designee. If a waiver is approved in accordance with the policy, the graduation requirement for physical education will be reduced accordingly. Procedures for an approved physical education waiver are listed in Section B of this policy.

Section A - Course Requirements (continued)

- (3) Mathematics - Three units of credit of mathematics are required, one of these courses must be Algebra I, and one must include geometry content.
- (4) Social Studies - One unit of credit in U.S. History along with 0.5 units of “Civics” (effective for students entering as ninth graders in the 2016-2017 school year) must be earned as part of the two units of credit required in Social Studies. Courses which meet the “Civics” requirement are identified in the course enrollment guide.
- (5) Science - Two units of credit are required in Science.
- (6) Applied Arts - The Applied Arts shall include courses in applied technology, business education (excluding Consumer Education), family and consumer sciences, designated courses in computer technology, the Beginning Photography course, and the Introduction to Broadcasting course.
- (7) Driver Education - The classroom phase of driver education is required for graduation; the behind-the-wheel phase is not required. This graduation requirement may be met by the student successfully completing a driver education program offered by a state-accredited private driver education school as evidenced by a certification of completion from the driver education school; however high school credit will not be granted for such completion.
- (8) Fine Arts - The Fine Arts shall include courses in art, drama, music designated courses in the English department, the Beginning Photography course, and the Introduction to Broadcasting course.

In addition to the above-listed units of credit, students shall be required to:

1. Be enrolled in a minimum of six courses for credit during each semester they are enrolled in the district. The principal may waive the six-course requirement, on a case-by-case basis, if the needs of the student are best served by such action;
2. Be enrolled in an English course during each semester while enrolled in high school;
3. Pass a qualifying examination covering the proper use and display of the U.S. flag, American patriotism, and representative government as shown in (1) the Declaration of Independence, (2) the U.S. Constitution, (3) the Illinois State Constitution and (4) voting procedures.
4. Meet state requirement for taking the state college and career ready assessment unless a student is exempted because:
 - a) The student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) developed under Article 14 of the School Code identifies the state college and career ready assessment as inappropriate, even with accommodations and the student is eligible to take, and takes an alternate assessment provided by the State instead; or
 - b) The student is enrolled in an Adult or Continuing Education program as defined in the Adult Education Act - - and the student is not dually enrolled in his/her local school district.

Section B - Physical Education Waiver Procedures

1. Students shall be required to be enrolled in a Physical Education course during each semester they are enrolled in the district; enrollment in the required Health course shall satisfy this requirement for the semester during which the student is enrolled in the required Health course.
2. Junior and senior students who participate on an interscholastic athletic team that is either an IHSA sanctioned and/or Board of Education approved sport, or who are enrolled in a marching band course offered for credit, shall be eligible to substitute the athletic team or marching band participation for enrollment in one semester of Physical Education, during the semester in which the student is participating in the athletic team or marching band. Marching band participation will begin with the 2007-2008 school year. Eligibility for such substitutions shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The student shall continue to be required to be enrolled in a minimum of six courses during the semester in which the athletic team or marching band participation is substituted for participation in Physical Education.
 - b) To substitute athletic or marching band participation for enrollment in physical education for an entire semester, the student must replace the physical education course with another course for credit.
 - c) A student may substitute athletic or marching band participation when offered for academic credit during the official season for participation in the physical education class in which they are enrolled. They will remain enrolled in the physical education class and will be expected to fully participate at all times during the semester that are outside of the official athletic or marching band season. Students electing this option will be expected to follow the established policies of the physical education department for attendance during the official athletic or marching band season.
 - d) A student who voluntarily discontinues participation on an athletic team may be required to re-enroll in a physical education class or be required to make up the enrollment in and credit for Physical Education for that semester. Students removed from a team may be re-enrolled in Physical Education as determined by the school administration.
 - e) Students who are not able to continue their participation on a athletic team because of injury shall not be required to re-enroll in Physical Education.
 - f) A student on a winter season athletic team, i.e., a team with schedule that spans first and second semester who elects to substitute athletic participation for enrollment in Physical Education, must do so during the first semester.
 - g) A student participating in athletic teams in two separate seasons (fall, winter, spring) may elect to substitute athletic participation for enrollment in Physical Education during each semester, provided that the two separate seasons are a combination of a fall or winter sport and a spring sport.
 - h) If a student requests the substitution of participation in a athletic team for enrollment in Physical Education at registration time, indicating an intention to be a part of an athletic team later in the year, and that student subsequently does not go out for the team or does not fill the other conditions listed above, the student shall be required to make up the enrollment in and credit for Physical Education for that semester.
 - i) Credit toward graduation will not be given for the semester during which athletic team or marching band participation is substituted for physical education.

Section C

A unit of credit has traditionally been a measure of learning expected for a class meeting for the entire school year. However, under the District's present programs, it is possible for students to complete successfully this learning in less than one full year. Thus, units of credit become measures of successful learning accomplished rather than assigned time in class. With performance being the significant factor in determining progress, it is possible for some students to complete the graduation requirements in less than four years.

Section D - Early Graduation

1. Upon application, the Board of Education authorizes early graduation for students who meet the following criteria:
 - a) Have satisfied all requirements for graduation as contained in Section A of this policy.
 - b) Have demonstrated that an alternative to continuing their high school education would be more productive to them and in the respective student's best interests.
 - c) Have parental/legal guardian permission for early graduation, for students under 18 years of age as of the date of graduation.
2. A faculty committee chaired by the assistant principal for student services or designee shall be appointed by the principal in each school. The committee shall process all petitions for early graduation and shall recommend to the principal as to whether or not the petitioner fulfills the aforementioned criteria. Requests for early graduation shall be granted only if approved by the principal, and the superintendent.
3. As part of the application procedure, students and their parents shall be required to certify that the student will remain in attendance at the Glenbrook High Schools through the regularly-scheduled final examination period of the student's last semester. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the assistant principal for student services.

Section E - Social Promotion

Students shall not be promoted to the next higher grade level or approved for graduation based upon age or any other social reasons not related to the academic performance of the students.

Reference: Section 105 ILCS 5/10-20.9a of the School Code.

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